

**REMARKS**

1. The Applicant expresses his appreciation to the Examiner for the diligence shown in the examination of this application.
2. The Applicant elects invention 1, claims 1-10, under 35 USC 121, restricted in the Office Action mailed 1/14/2005.
3. The Applicant requests clarification of the statement in the last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2 on page 1. Specifically, the Applicant believes that "apparatus such as one having means for removing a chip portion of the bag above the seal formed in the top portion." is met by the apparatus of the claims. The Applicant wishes to rejoin the process (Claims 11-15) and any claims later held to be of the same invention.

Very Respectfully,



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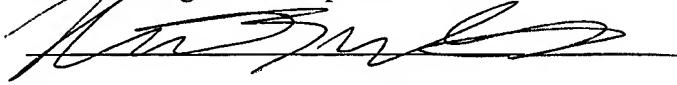
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